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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MASS, BC, US

SUBJECT:BOTSWANA PURCHASE OF AR-18 RIFLES

REF: A) GABORONE 1250; B) STATE 161023; C) STATE 165674

DEPT ACCEPTS ASSURANCES OF STEENKAMPPERMANENT SECRETARY  
TO THE PRESIDENT OF BOTSWANA, THT SHIPMENT CAN MOVE THROUGH  
SOUTH AFRICA UNDER TERMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA CUSTOMS UNION  
WITHOUT PROBLEM. UNDER THIS ARRANGEMENT POST SHOULD PERFORM  
END USER CHECK ON INITIAL SHIPMENT OF THE 400 AR-18 RIFLES,  
AND SUBSEQUENT SHIPMENTS OF AMMUNITION. KISSINGER

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